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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Per 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), references A1-A134, B1-B26, and C1-C31 were previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,359, which is relied upon in the present case for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120, and, therefore, paper copies of these references are not enclosed. Should the Examiner require paper copies of some or all of these references, the Undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

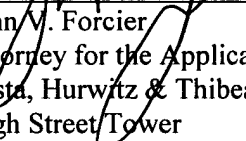
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